RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAAN PILLAI: (*a*) 'Old arrears' under "Abkari and Opium and Ganja" pending collection at the end of 1116 was Rs. 5,79,243-5-6.

(*b*) Old arrears realised during the year:

1115-Rs. 17,359-27-5.

1116-Rs. 18,609-5-13.

Director of State Transport.

65. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Transport Advisory Committee recommended to Government that the Director of State Transport should be declared the 'licensing authority' under the new Motor Vehicles Act; and

(*b*) what action did they take in the matter?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the Transport Advisory Committee recommended that the Transport Department should be the authority for the issuing of certificates?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir. At the risk of being pedantic I may say that the recommendation of the Advisory Committee was that the Director of Transport should be the Transport authority contemplated in the new Motor Vehicles Act.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what action was taken by Government?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The matter is receiving the attention of Government.

Extension of the Alleppey Municipal limits.

66. *MR. P. S. MUHAMMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has been proposed to extend the present limits of the Alleppey Municipality to south and north by including certain areas of the suburbs of the town;

(*b*) whether the people residing within the proposed areas protested against extension;

(*c*) whether they received representations and resolutions praying that the proposed areas should not be included within the Municipality;

(*d*) the reasons advanced by the people in their representations;

(*e*) whether Government have made any enquiry on the representations; and

(*f*) if any enquiry was made, the result of such enquiry?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Some petitions have been received protesting against the proposed extension.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) The reasons advanced are the same as those contained in the representation dated 12-10-41 forwarded by the honourable member *viz.*, that on account of the present economic depression, the inhabitants will find it difficult to pay municipal tax.

(*e*) Enquiries are being made.

(*f*) The enquiries have not been completed.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know, Sir, the approximate area of the extension ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : About two or three square miles.

Kollakadavu bridge.

67. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is budget provision for the current year for the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road ;

(*b*) whether tenders have been invited for the work ; and

(*c*) the nature and the particulars of work so far done during the current year in connection with the construction of the bridge ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The preliminary investigations have been made and the design and estimate for an R. C. C. bridge is under preparation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know why the design and the estimate has not been prepared so far ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Owing to the difficulty in getting iron materials we have to decide yet the type of bridge which is needed there.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the funds which are alloted will not be allowed to lapse by the end of the year ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Provided we are able to get the iron materials it will not be allowed to lapse.

Personal Assistant to the Conservator of Forests.

68. * **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Personal Assistant to the Conservator of Forests receives any allowance from the General Motors Ltd.;

(*b*) the amount so received annually ;

(*c*) for what work is he paid this allowance ; and

(*d*) whether rules permit him to receive such allowances ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Bh. Rs. 50 per mensem.

(*c*) To supervise the passing of blackwood materials to be supplied to the General Motors, including travelling expenses to Quilon.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the amount is paid by the General Motors or the Government ?

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